

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, September 26, 1996, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on the annual report of the Postmaster General.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 26, 1996, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing on annual refugee consultation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 26 at 9 a.m. to hold a hearing to discuss increasing funding for biomedical research.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 26, 1996, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to examine the NEPA decisionmaking process including the role of the Council on Environmental Quality.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S 85TH NATIONAL DAY

• Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, in the last few years, the Republic of China has continued to prosper and develop as a democratic model. It is our sixth largest trading partner and the world's 13th largest trading nation. Its per capita income of \$12,000 is one of the highest in Asia.

Alongside its economic success, Taiwan has embarked upon a course of democratization, including political pluralism, press liberalization, island-wide elections, a first ever presidential election in March 1996, and full constitutional reform.

On the eve of the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China, I extend my best wishes to President Lee Teng-hui, Foreign Minister John H. Chang, and Ambassador Jason Hu. May they long continue to be a shining example of democracy in Asia. •

RETIREMENT OF AGENT JIM FREEMAN

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President. I rise today to recognize and honor a respected leader in the law enforcement community and a friend. Jim Freeman has graciously served our Nation for over 30 years as a Special Agent at the FBI.

Mr. Freeman began his career by receiving his appointment as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] in July 1964, following his receipt of a bachelor of arts degree from San Francisco State University that same year. He has served as special agent in charge of the San Francisco Division of the FBI since August 1993, where he is responsible for approximately 650 employees and a territory that extends from Monterey to the Oregon border. The majority of his assignments in this area deal with organized crime and drugs, white collar crime, violent crimes, terrorism and foreign counterintelligence.

In 1995, Mr. Freeman was named as the FBI's official adviser to the Technology Theft Prevention Foundation, which is comprised of insurance and electronic industry executives with the mission of reducing high-technology crimes through a variety of initiatives awareness training and law enforcement support. During his tenure, the San Francisco Division of the FBI has created a high-tech crimes squad in San Jose which investigates crimes ranging from robbery of components and semiconductors, to the theft of intellectual property, as well as a computer intrusion squad in San Francisco which investigates serious computer hacking crimes. His other assignments have included the development of the Crimes Against Children Task Force in San Francisco in February 1994, and assuming the leadership of the UNABOM Task Force on April 1, 1994.

Mr. President, Mr. Freeman's previous postings were as a special agent in the Oklahoma City and Los Angeles bureau divisions; a supervisory special agent in Los Angeles; assistant special agent in charge in Miami; an inspector in FBI Headquarters' Inspection Division; and special agent in charge of Honolulu Division of the FBI.

In 1986, he was elected as the FBI's representative to the U.S. Department of State's Senior Seminar at the Foreign Service Institute in Rosslyn, VA, for the 1986-1987 session. On November 20, 1988, Mr. Freeman was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Mr. President, in conclusion, I want to commend Agent Freeman for his leadership and hard work he has demonstrated during his active years as law enforcement officer. His service to the State of California is greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten. I wish him all the best in years to come. •

COMMENDING RONALD A. SMITH

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to commend a fellow Hoosier, Ronald A. Smith of Rochester, Indiana who will be installed as president of the Nation's largest insurance association—the Independent Insurance Agents of America [IIAA]. Ron is President of Smith, Sawyer & Smith, Inc., an independent insurance agency located in Rochester.

Ron's career as an independent insurance agent has been marked with outstanding dedication to his clients, his community, IIAA, the Independent Insurance Agents of Indiana, his colleagues and his profession.

At the State level, Ron served as chairman of numerous committees and held several elective offices in the Independent Insurance Agents of Indiana, culminated by a term as president. In recognition of his contributions, his peers named Ron the 1992 Indiana Agent of the Year.

Ron began his service to the national organization by serving as Indiana's representative to IIAA's National Board of State Directors from 1987 to 1993. At the same time, he served the national association as chairman of its membership committee and dues study task force and as a member of the agency/company operating practices task force on solvency and McCarran-Ferguson.

Ron was elected to IIAA's executive committee in 1993. In the time since then, he has exhibited a spirit of dedication and concern for his 300,000 independent agent colleagues around the country.

Outside of IIAA, Ron has served the insurance industry as a member of the board of trustees of the American Institute for CPCU and the Insurance Institute of America and a member of the board of directors for the Insurance Education Foundation, Inc.

Ron's selfless attitude also extends to his involvement in Rochester-area community activities. He currently serves on the Rochester Telephone Co. board of directors and is a member of the Rochester Community School Building Corp. In the past, he served as chairman of the Fulton County United Way, president of the Rochester Kiwanis, president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the board of trustees of Grace United Methodist Church.

I am confident that Ron will serve with distinction and provide leadership as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of America over the next year. I wish Ron and his wife Maureen all the best as IIAA's president and first lady. •

AD HOC HEARING ON TOBACCO

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, on September 11, I cochaired with Senator KENNEDY an ad hoc hearing on the problem of teen smoking. We were joined by Senators HARKIN,